

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions/listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of extruding a foam article, comprising:
 urging a foam material to an extrusion channel, said ~~first~~ foam material having an outer surface within said extrusion channel;
 feeding a first non-foam coating material that is compatible with said foam material, to an annular reservoir;
 feeding said first non-foam material to an applicator from said annular reservoir along an interior wall of a extrusion die, in communication with said extrusion channel to apply a visible coating on a region of said outer surface of said ~~first~~ foam material ~~within said extrusion channel,~~ as said foam material passes through said extrusion die, wherein said interior wall of said extrusion die rotates relative to said foam material, about an axis parallel to the direction of travel of said foam material through said extrusion die, and said region ~~occupying~~ occupies a fraction of a perimeter of said outer surface.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1, further comprising feeding said first coating material to said applicator as a plurality of spaced flows, each flow imparting a visible helical band on said extruded foam article.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1, further comprising feeding a second non-foam coating material to said ~~applicator~~ extrusion die, said second coating material being visually distinct from both said foam material and said first coating material, said second coating material imparting a visible helical band visually distinct from said visible helical band imparted by said first coating material.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said foam material is foamable thermoplastic polymer, and said first coating material is a compatible material of a different color.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said foamable thermoplastic polymer expands by a factor of 10 to 50 as it exits said extrusion outlet.

9. to 16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising feeding a second non-foam coating material from a second annular reservoir and along said interior wall of said extrusion die, said second coating material being visually distinct from both said foam material and said first coating material, said second coating material imparting a visible helical band visually distinct from said visible helical band imparted by said first coating material.